## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

#### JOINT INVENTORS

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR THE CATALYTIC HYDROTREATMENT OF HEAVY HYDROCARBONS OF PETROLEUM, the specification of which,

| is attached hereto was filed on | 09 July 2003   | as application | Serial N | No. PCT/N  | MX2003/ | 000053 <u>,</u> |
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| application Serial No. 10/563   |                |                |          |            |         |                 |

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

### **Prior Foreign Applications**

We hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) and/or 365(c) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

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# **Prior United States Application(s)**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, § 120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and under Title 35 United States Code, § 365(c) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint all of the attorneys associated with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer No. 001609 of the firm of ROYLANCE, ABRAMS, BERDO & GOODMAN, L.L.P. as our attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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